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STATE ANNOUNCES \$3.9 MILLION IN TRAINING ACCELERATION GRANTS (TAG)

INDIANAPOLIS (November 17, 2005) The Indiana Department of Workforce Development and Indiana Economic Development Corporation have awarded 53 Training Acceleration Grants totaling more than \$3.9 million to companies across the state in the quarter spanning July 1 through September 30, 2005.

The Training Acceleration Grant program provides financial assistance to companies and organizations seeking to expand the skills of their existing workforce through training programs that result in industry-recognized credentials. The program has four core objectives: promoting small businesses; fostering job retention and expansion; increasing personal income for Hoosier workers; and providing training to address skill gaps in the Hoosier workforce.

“These investments in our workforce are part of our long-range and comprehensive strategy to help Indiana develop a competitive advantage in human capital so that we can better compete in the global economy,” said Ron Stiver, Commissioner of the Department of Workforce Development.

“Incentives such as the Training Acceleration Grant are important assets the state can use to assist in the expansion of Indiana Businesses at a time when economic growth and diversification is a top priority,” said Patricia R. Miller, Secretary of Commerce and chief executive of the IEDC.

The names of the firms awarded the grants, location, and the amount awarded:

Grants awarded in September:

Cummins, Inc. (FSP)	Columbus	\$137,391.00
Cummins Industrial Center (CIC)	Columbus	\$22,096.00
Cummins Inc (CEP)	Columbus	\$115,641.00
Stant Manufacturing	Connersville	\$22,220.00
Great Dane Limited Partnership	Brazil	\$24,925.00*

*amendment to previous TAG grant

Grants awarded in August:

Indiana Precision Forge	Shelbyville	\$11,274.00
K&L Machine and Manufacturing, Inc.	Mishawaka	\$5,786.00
Taylor Systems	Noblesville	\$8,500.00
Aisin Drivetrain	Columbus	\$157,581.50
Ivy Tech Community College for Logansport Industrial Alliance	Cass County	\$133,191.60
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Wabash Industrial Alliance	Wabash County	\$166,502.17
Ivy Tech Community College for Miami/Peru Industrial Alliance	Miami County	\$241,034.70
Ivy Tech Community College for INTMA	19 Companies in Central Indiana	\$199,999.00
Ivy Tech Community College for Southern Alliance to promote Tech Ed	Various sites in South Central Indiana	\$189,158.00
Alcoa, Inc	Newburgh	\$170,555.51
JD Byrider of Indiana	Carmel	\$69,800.00
Lear Corporation	Greencastle	\$110,865.05
ThyssenKrupp Waupaca	Tell City	\$94,974.80
Visteon Automotive Systems	Indianapolis	\$178,934.11
Ivy Tech Community College for No-Sag Products Division	Kendallville	\$31,701.08
Decatur Mold Tool and Engineering	North Vernon	\$34,969.80
M&S Precision Machinery	Greensburg	\$57,610.00
MC Aluminum America, Inc.	Columbus	\$12,290.15
Lear Corporation	Edinburgh	\$197,872.00
Marketing Impact	Fort Wayne	\$6,975.57

Grants awarded in July:

Alcoa, Inc	Lafayette	\$4,750.17
80/20 Inc	Columbia City	\$24,175.25
Vincennes Univ for Sacoma International Inc.	Edinburgh	\$4,933.50
Ivy Tech Community College - Fort Wayne for Whitley County Training Alliance	Columbia City	\$50,453.03
Ivy Tech Community College – Fort Wayne for Huntington County Training Coalition	Huntington	\$120,603.36
Total Interior Systems of America (TISA)	Princeton	\$50,978.93
Meridian Automotive Systems	Angola	\$86,372.89
Eaton Corporation – Fuller Clutch Division	Auburn	\$57,930.00
Subaru of Indiana Automotive	Lafayette	\$14,568.89
GM of Fort Wayne Truck Assembly	Roanoke	\$199,893.82
IR Von Duprin	Indianapolis	\$190,200.00
Shamrock Engineering	Evansville	\$27,945.00
Applied Metals and Machine Works	Fort Wayne	\$12,956.18
Kautex Textron	Avilla	\$121,511.18
Grote Industries, LLC	Madison	\$42,355.50
Spencer Industries	Dale	\$100,775.02
Symmetry Medical Othy	Warsaw	\$17,059.56
Imaginestics	West Lafayette	\$6,969.00
Federal Mogul, Inc	South Bend	\$67,526.56
Gunit Corporation	Elkhart	\$18,615.45
Fairfield Manufacturing Co.	Lafayette	\$50,265.93
CFM US Corporation (formerly Vermont Castings Majestic Products)	Huntington	\$33,088.89
Nightingale Home Healthcare, Inc.	Carmel	\$8,109.50
Brazeway, Inc.	Shelbyville	\$5,880.00
Rea Magnet Wire Co. Inc.	Lafayette	\$96,189.00
Parker Hannifan	Fort Wayne	\$29,391.66
Indianapolis Woodworking, Inc.	Fishers	\$60,000.00

The TAG program is operated jointly by the Indiana Economic Development Corporation and Indiana Department of Workforce Development

The Indiana Department of Workforce Development is charged with continually improving the Hoosier workforce by assisting companies to create new jobs and improve worker skills. The Agency offers a variety of training and educational grants, partners with Indiana's 26 WorkOne centers, administers the unemployment insurance system, provides labor market information, assists employers with preparing workers for layoffs and closures, and operates a statewide job placement service.

As a result of legislation passed by the Indiana General Assembly in Feb. 2005, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation replaced the Department of Commerce as the premier entity charged with state economic development. The IEDC has a 12-member board chaired by Gov. Mitch Daniels. Patricia R. Miller, chief executive officer and secretary of commerce of the IEDC, serves in the Governor's Cabinet.

More information on the Department is available at www.workforce.in.gov. More information on the Training Acceleration Grant program is available at http://www.in.gov/dwd/employers/gen_info.html

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